Amendments to the Abstract:

Please cancel the previous abstract in favor of the new abstract attached hereto as Appendix A, pursuant to Rule 1.72.

Attachment: Appendix A - Abstract

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A method for ameliorating severe diabetic retinopathy in a mammal comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound represented by the following general formula:

wherein X represents a halogen or a hydrogen atom, R^1 and R^2 concurrently or differently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1 to C6 alkyl group, or R^1 and R^2 , together with a nitrogen atom bound thereto and optionally another nitrogen atom or an oxygen atom, are combined to form a 5- to 6-membered heterocycle.